


**TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW**  
**DELAWARE**

July 5, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council

FROM: Carol S. Houck, Town Manager 

SUBJECT: Town Manager Report for the Council Meeting of July 11, 2023

It is my pleasure to provide you with some information related to the activities of the Town and my engagements during the past month:

**Concert Series** Our summer concerts have ended with a big crowd in the park on June 30<sup>th</sup> for Over Time! Next up... we will offer the community a labor day weekend concert (Saturday Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>) featuring Hot Sauce and some old school games and more with a patriotic theme.... More details to follow next month!



**Newsletter Feedback**

*Dear Ms. Houck,*

*Please accept for yourself and on behalf of your Team my most sincere - if somewhat belated - congratulations for the quality of the contents (and the usefulness) of this brochure. From front to back page, it is packed full of important information, including, as our dear Mayor noted,*

*information freely available from the Town website that can be forgotten. In a word, this is a perfect Ocean View Who's Who and How To. Jean*

Needless to say, it was great to get some feedback as its hard to know how many people actually read what they are sent.

### **West (from SR 26) and Muddy Neck Road Improvements**

The improvements to West Ave (from SR 26/Muddy Neck Road from to Beaver Dam Road are planned to begin this September by DelDOT are to include:

Mill and overlay, New signing and pavement markings, dedicated bike lanes, and new crosswalk markings were applicable.

### **Bond Bill Funding- Great News!**

With the close of the State's FY24 Budget Year last week the State Bond Bill Community Reinvestment fund (CRF) Awarded the Town of Ocean View **\$89,950** for Open Space Acquisition in association with our May 10<sup>th</sup> submission to the joint committee on capital improvements. Appreciation for the support of Senator Hocker and Representative Gray in our award of these funds will be sent!

In addition, the Historic Village in Ocean View, was awarded fundings totaling **\$90,000** for flooring installation of Hall's Store, Landscaping improvements, Tunnel-West House Exterior repairs and preservation and a website overhaul.

### **Pickle Ball**

We continue to consider and evaluate options for the location of pickle ball courts in Town, giving consideration to having adeqate parking, and understanding the sound concerns often raised. In addition, we are discussing how courts would be managed with neighboring communities sharing concerns that courts are often used by non-residents, understanding that managing usage by residents only would be difficult. No surveys will be conducted at this time as we continue to evaluate options.

### **Grant Submissions**

Last week I submitted a Delmarva Power Sustainable Communities Grant application for \$10,000 in association with adding an outdoor classroom/meeting space to the Berzins Natural Area. We expect to hear about the outcome of the submission this fall.

I am currently working on an FY24 Submission for a DNREC Outdoor Recreation and Parks Trail (ORPT) matching grant for the Berzins property to fund restroom facilities at the site. You may recall that we were awarded an FY23 ORPT grant totalling \$60,000 for various amenities originally planned at the site.

**OVPD K9 Teams (from your meet and greet and demonstration after the June meeting)**



Officer Watkins and K9 Leo

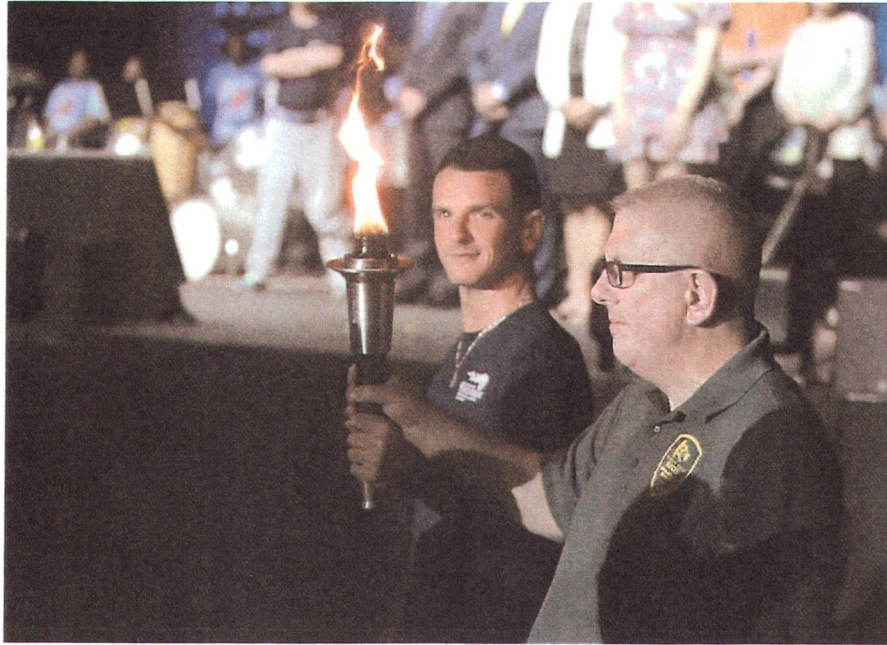


Officer Hopkins and K9 Ori

**John West Park Beautification Efforts and our Community Enjoying the park**



**Officer Caselli representing our Town as a Special Olympics Delaware Torch Bearer at the start of the 2023 Summer Games in June**



**Fall and Winter Community Event Dates**

Fall Classic Movie Theme Nights	Fridays, Sept 8, 15 and 22 <sup>nd</sup> 6:30pm start
Cops and Goblins	Saturday, Oct 28, 2023 1 to 4pm
Old Town Holiday and Tree Lighting	Saturday, Nov 25, 2023 1 to 5:30 pm